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SUBJECT: STATEMENT BY SENATOR ROBERT BYRD RE VAROSHA

FOLLOWING FOR YOUR INFORMATION IS TEXT OF STATEMENT
RE PROPOSED LIFTING OF ARMS EMBARGO IN TURKEY
MADE BY SENATOR ROBERT C. BYRD AS IT APPEARS IN JULY 21
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CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

BEGIN TEXT MR. PRESIDENT, DURING AN APPEARANCE ON "FACE
THE NATION" ON SUNDAY, IN DISCUSSING THE PROPOSED LIFTING
OF THE ARMS EMBARGO ON TURKEY, I COMMENDED THE TURKS FOR
THEIR RECENT FLEXIBILITY ON CYPRUS, I ALSO STATED THAT
THEY COULD AND SHOULD DO MORE. SPECIFICALLY, I CALLED

UPON TURKEY TO TURN OVER THE IMPORTANT SEASIDE CITY OF VAROSHA TO UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATION SO THAT 35,000 GREEK REFUGEES COULD BEGIN RETURNING TO THEIR HOMES AND BUSINESSES IN COMING WEEKS.

I WAS INFORMED YESTERDAY THAT THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS HAVE AGREED TO THE CREATION OF AN INTERIM ADMINISTRATION FOR THE CITY OF VAROSHA, UNDER THE UNITED NATIONS, AS SOON AS THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE GREEK AND TURKISH COMMUNITIES ARE RESUMED. UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATION OF VAROSHA, WHICH HAS BEEN UNDER TURKISH CONTROL SINCE AUGUST 1974,

WOULD MEAN THAT ONE OF THE KEY ISSUES HOLDING UP A CYPRUS SOLUTION IS CLOSER TO RESOLUTION.

YESTERDAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT, ALONG WITH OTHER STEPS TAKEN BY TURKEY IN RECENT MONTHS--INCLUDING NEW CONSTITUTIONAL AND TERRITORIAL PROPOSALS; WITHDRAWALS OF TROOPS; AND SUMMIT MEETINGS WITH THE GREEK PRIME MINISTER--ARE STEPS IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION TOWARD SOLVING A PROBLEM OF GREAT CONCERN TO ALL OF US IN THE SENATE. THIS LATEST ACTION DEMONSTRATES A POSITIVE ATTITUDE A'D I HOPE SETS THE TONE FOR FUTURE ACTIONS BY THE TURKS AND THE GREEKS. END TEXT CHRISTOPHER

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